

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action of June 3, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of producing a vehicle mat comprising the steps of:
providing a sheet of thermoplastic material, said sheet having a first and
second side, said second side having a plurality of nibs extending therefrom;
locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured molding tool having one or
more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said first side
directed toward said sidewall and top surface of said tool and said second side
directed away from said tool;
heating said sheet; and
drawing said sheet toward said tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to
the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

9. (Amended) A method of producing a plastic vehicle mat comprising the steps

of:

extruding a sheet of thermoplastic material between a pair of rollers wherein
one of said rollers has a plurality of indentions to form nibs on a first side of the
sheet;

locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured male molding tool having one or more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said

first side directed away from said tool;

heating said sheet to a plastic state; and

drawing said sheet toward said male molding tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to correspond to the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

13. (Amended) A method of producing a part comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet of thermoplastic material, said sheet having a first and second side, said second side having a plurality of nibs extending therefrom;

locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured molding tool having one or more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said first side directed toward said sidewall and top surface of said tool and said second side directed away from said tool;

heating said sheet; and

drawing said sheet toward said tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

Remarks

In response to the Office action dated June 3, 2002, a reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested based upon the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1, 9 and 13 have been amended and claims 6 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-18 and 20 remain pending in the application.